## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

### Ed Smith

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 09-0431

STATE OF MONTANA,

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Plaintiff and Appellee,

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JERRY PAUL GONZALES,

Defendant and Appellant.

## **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Appellee, State of Montana, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until April 9, 2010, in which to prepare, serve, and file its response brief in the above-entitled matter. The brief is presently due on March 10, 2010, and this is the State's first extension request.

This motion is made due to the heavy workload under which the attorney assigned to this case is presently working, making it impossible to properly research, consider, and brief the issues raised by the Appellant within the time allotted.

Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion, and does not object.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of March, 2010.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing

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DATED: March 10,2010